

Ear Correction (Otoplasty or Pinnaplasty)

Prominent Ear Correction is a surgical procedure used to re-set the position of prominent ears, moving them closer in towards the head.

What is it?

- Ear correction surgery is used to set back prominent ears in both adults and in children to restore confidence and give a more attractive look to ears
- It can be performed on one or both ears as necessary
- Very large ear lobes can be reduced at the same time if required

What it can't do?

- Ear correction surgery cannot completely alter the shape of ears or improve hearing in any way

What's involved?

- Your surgeon will make a cut down the back of one or both ears
- The cartilage inside is then trimmed, sculpted or folded using fine stitches if needed
- The cuts are then stitched up and bandages are applied to hold your ears firmly in their new positions
- The procedure takes around one to two hours to complete, depending upon the amount of work required
- You will have either a local or a general anaesthetic and it's unlikely you will have to stay over in hospital

Your recovery

- Your bulky bandages will be removed after about three to four days, after which a head band will need to be worn at night for two weeks
- You can expect to recover fully within two weeks
- It is wise to avoid any activity that may cause your ears to bend for at least one week

Possible side effects

- You may experience nausea from the anaesthetic, followed by bruising, swelling and some soreness
- You may even notice a slight loss of hearing as a result of the swelling but this should last no longer than a few days
- In general, all side effects should have subsided within a week

Your results

- Ear correction surgery is a permanent procedure to set back or reshape ears
- Because cuts are made behind your ears, small scars are left close to the groove between the ear and the side of your head